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FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of British Columbia, commenced its fifth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, Victoria, on Saturday, the nineteenth day of February, A.D., 1876, A.L. 5876, at 2, P.M.

Upon calling the Roll, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Simeon Duck	Grand Master.
R. W. Frederick Williams	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Eli Harrison	Senior Grand Warden.
V. W. M. W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Coote M. Chambers	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Rev. F. B. Gribbell	Grand Chaplain.
W. Thos. Trounce	Grand Superintendent of Works.
" J. Gordon Vinter	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Geo. Thomson	Grand Standard Bearer.
" Wm. Fraser	Grand Organist.
" Wm. Harrison	Grand Pursuivant.
" John Weiler	Grand Stewards.
" J. H. Todd	
P. J. Hall	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. L. W. Powell	Past Grand Master.
" J. F. McCreight	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" Wm. Dalby	Past Senior Grand Warden.
" Hy. Nathan	Past Junior Grand Warden.

With the Representatives of six Chartered Lodges.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Oregon, Washington, Nebraska, Illinois, England, and Louisiana.

The M. W. Grand Master filled the vacant offices by the following appointments, *pro tem*.

- W. C. Thorue, as Grand Junior Warden.
- " I. Ragazzoni, as Grand Senior Deacon.
- " Eli Harrison, Jr., as Grand Junior Deacon.
- " W. Dalby, as Grand Marshal.
- " D. Kurtz, as Grand Sword Bearer.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer by V. W. Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced the following Committee on Credentials:

- Bros. R. W. F. Williams.
- R. W. Eli Harrison.
- W. J. H. Todd.
- V. W. Coote M. Chambers.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed V. W. M. W. Waitt Grand Treasurer, with instructions to take with him the necessary assistance, to examine Brethren who desired to visit the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment for half an hour, to give the Committee on Credentials an opportunity of reporting thereon.

The allotted space of time having expired, the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

V. W. Bro. Coote M. Chambers, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that Victoria Lodge, No. 1, is fully represented; Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, fully represented; Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, fully represented—by Bro. E. Harrison, Sr., proxy for W. M. Bro. E. Harrison, Jr., proxy for S. W.; Bro. M. W. Waitt, proxy for J. W. CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4, is represented by Bro. J. H. Todd, as proxy for W. M.; Bro. A. E. B. Davie, as proxy for S. W.; Bro. F. Neufelder, as proxy for J. W.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5, is fully represented.
MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7, not represented.

QUADRA LODGE, No. 8, is fully represented.

UNION LODGE, No. 9, not represented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS,

ELI HARRISON.

J. H. TODD,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,

Committee.

Moved by W.: Henry F. Heisterman, seconded by R.: W.: E. Harrison, that the report be received; the Representatives reported therein be admitted to seats, and the Committee discharged; which was adopted.

On motion, the usual courtesies were extended to all Master Masons in good standing.

The Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Communication held on the 20th, 22nd, and 23rd of February, A.D., 1875, A.L., 5875; which, on motion, were confirmed.

The Grand Secretary also read the proceedings of the Special Grand Communication at Victoria, on the 30th September, A.D., 1875, A.L., 5875; which, on motion, were likewise confirmed.

The M.: W.: the Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—Another revolution of the wheel of time has brought us to the close of another masonic year, and I feel in welcoming you to-day, our congratulations cannot be too forcibly expressed, that our lives have been preserved during the past year, and that we have again been permitted to meet together, as the representatives of the craft in this Province, to extend to each other a hearty greeting for the purpose of dealing with such things as may be brought before us, for the benefit of the craft, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Although during the past year our Lodges have not increased their numbers to that extent which would have been most pleasing to us, yet we are assured that they are in as healthy a condition as the uncertainty of the times would seem to justify. We have every reason for thinking that during the past year, the material used in the construction of our Universal Temple has been of such a character as to give permanency, as well as increasing significance to the illustrious superstructure, whilst the harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, would seem to indicate a period of increasing prosperity in the immediate future. The prosperity of the craft, and the universal acceptance and practice of the true principles upon which the Order is founded, depends not so much on the rapidity in which the rude block is polished and brought to place, regardless of the quality of the material used, as upon a perfect inspection of every spot and vein, which runs through the body of it, and a perfect knowledge of its durability and suitable adaptability to the functions which it is expected to perform, without defect and without blemish, so that there may be no delay of the work in going back to modify any mistake which may have been made by careless and unskillful workmen,

and no pulling down of the perfect ashlar to remove a faulty block in the superstructure. The good and wise of every age have constantly admonished the Brethren to be ever watchful and guarded in the choice of the material for our masonic edifice, and yet it sometimes happens that the work of masonry is retarded. Block after block is taken down, the cement which gave unity and strength to the walls scattered, and confusion for the time being takes the place of harmonious discipline, to repair a defect which the trying ordeals of time have discovered and brought to the surface, and which mar the beauty and impair the usefulness of the Temple. It is proper that every rude and unfinished block, every defective and unsightly stone, should be carefully discarded or removed, that the symmetry, beauty and strength of the Masonic institution may be preserved to the remotest ages of futurity. The foundations of masonry are based on the firm and immutable principles of truth and justice; and in the Temple are inculcated the doctrine of pure morality, and all those virtues which, if properly observed, lead to happiness in this life, and secure the enjoyments which we are led to believe are in store for the faithful in that other world, whither we are so rapidly approaching. How important it is, then, Brethren, that we should be faithful to our trust, that our Spiritual Temple should be erected in accordance with the perfect foundation upon which it rests, that our successors may have no occasion in criticising the work, to undo what we have done, or be put to the trouble removing unworthy material, which through our neglect may have found a place in the Temple. How important it is, that none may be permitted to participate in the good work we are engaged in, save those who are moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world. Masonry is not benefitted by accession of numbers, unless they possess high moral character and intelligence, and are disposed to sacrifice upon its shrine all motives of selfishness, and all objects of self interest. We cannot be too careful, Brethren, whom we allow to share the rights and privileges of our ancient craft.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year, several applications have been received from Sister Grand Bodies, requesting an interchange of representatives, and the following recommendations have been made by me:

V. W. Bro. Coote M. Chambers, Grand Secretary, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of St. Paul's, Minnesota.

R. W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Senior Grand Warden, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

R. W. Bro. Henry Nathan, Past Senior Grand Warden, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

I have also, in accordance with recommendations submitted to me by the various Grand Lodges, appointed the following Brethren to be our Grand Representatives near their Grand Lodges:

R. W. Bro. Roger B. Reece, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

R. W. Bro. Lewis Rosenberg, D.C.L. Advocate Grand Orator, near the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

I have also requested the M. W. Grand Master Griswold, of the Grand Lodge of St. Paul's, Minnesota to nominate some Brother as our representative near their Grand Lodge.

INVITATIONS.

Invitations were extended by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and received, to witness the dedication ceremonies of their new Masonic Temple (which was dedicated on June 2nd, 1875) it is a matter of regret that owing to the great distance, none of our Brethren could avail themselves of the fraternal invitation.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND LODGES.

The friendly intercourse with this Grand Lodge and other Grand Bodies, continues uninterrupted; the same harmony which ever existed between us, still prevails. The numerous applications for recognition from the Grand Lodges would appear to indicate a healthy advancement of the sublime principles of Freemasonry throughout the world.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.

During the past year, I, (assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers) have had the pleasure of visiting the different Lodges in Victoria, and witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree of Masonry in Victoria Lodge, No. 1. No degrees having been conferred by the other Lodges during our visitation, we were deprived of the pleasure of witnessing the manner in which they performed their work, but were much gratified by the proficiency exhibited by the several officers in their respective stations. In consequence of the great distance by which we are separated from Lodges in outlying districts, we were unable to visit them. I however appointed proxies to visit in our stead, these distant Lodges, to examine their books and work, and to report thereon. So far, only one has been reported,—which report, I regret to say, is not, in some particulars, as favorable as it should have been; no doubt, the result of a double Ritual, which at the present time appears to be unavoidable.

MASONIC HALL.

The same necessity alluded to by the R. W. Past Grand Master, I. W. Powell, for a Masonic Hall, in the City of Victoria still exists, but this matter having been referred to the different Lodges, relieves me of further comment, but it is to be hoped that this great object may yet be speedily consummated.

RITUAL.

The question of Ritual was also referred to the different Lodges of this jurisdiction, and will in all probability require your earnest consideration, when reports will be laid before you. In my mind, however, the disadvantages of Double Ritual are not yet sufficiently understood and appreciated by the Brethren, to induce them to make the necessary sacrifice on either side, to accomplish so desirable an object as that of unanimity of work throughout the jurisdiction.

DISPENSATION.

During the past year, but two dispensations have been granted; one for the funeral of Bro. J. H. Sullivan, the other to appear in regalia at a ball given by the Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 9, at New Westminster.

It is a pleasing feature in this connection that no applications have been received to confer degrees at irregular times, as in my mind such a custom is not in keeping with the general principles of the Craft, and is calculated to destroy the object sought for, by limiting a desire on the part of recipients to obtain that knowledge which is so essentially necessary to their advancement.

Many applications have been received during the past year, for proceedings of our Grand Lodge from its formation to date, which have all been forwarded. The recommendation of Past Grand Master Powell for the formation of a Grand Lodge Library, has been complied with. Further details of which with other matters, will be found in the very able report of our V. W. and energetic Grand Secretary.

It is with feelings of regret that we are compelled to notice the suspension of Bro. Brown, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The faults of

Brethren are at all times unpleasant matters to notice, and more especially when connected with Brethren occupying high and responsible positions.

Another source of regret is, that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland has not as yet been pleased to recognize our Grand Lodge. I trust, however, that the day is not far distant when our Venerable Mother Grand Lodge will break the long silence, which has been her peculiar characteristic, and extend to us cordial and fraternal recognition.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

The following named new Grand Lodges have applied to our Grand Lodge for recognition: Dakota, Manitoba, and Prince Edward Island. I would earnestly recommend that this subject be taken into immediate consideration by the Board of General Purposes, and that a report on this matter may be considered by the Grand Lodge during its present session.

It is with unfeigned pleasure I have to announce an event in connection with the history of Freemasonry in this Province, namely, the visitation of the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington Territory; an honor thoroughly unexpected, and most heartily appreciated, and one which I sincerely trust is the beginning of a series of reciprocal Masonic interchanges of Brotherly recognition.

The By-laws of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, have been amended to read—"That their regular communication will be held on Saturday, in lieu of Wednesday," which amendment has been confirmed, in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is with much regret and sorrow that during the past year I have to notice that more of our Brethren have been called away, and are now numbered with the dead, having travelled to that bourne from whence they will never return. Amongst them I would mention the name of our late Brother, Thos. Buie Harris, Grand Secretary of Canada. We deeply sympathise with the Grand Lodge of Canada, having only last year been stricken by the loss of its Grand Master. We would also ask for sympathy in having lost several members of our own, by the unfortunate accident occurring to the steamship Pacific, which has deprived us of earnest and zealous Masons.

IN CONCLUSION.

In resigning my trust into your hands, I feel that my humble efforts during the past year have not been characterized by that ability which is so essentially necessary in one occupying the high position of Grand Master, and upon which the success of the Craft so materially depends. I trust, however, that in the choice of my successor, the Brethren may be more fortunate, and that through his more perfect knowledge of the requirements of the Order, the Fraternity may continue to advance with greater strides, and that the Supreme Grand Master may be with us, and prosper all our undertakings in the future. is the earnest prayer of your sincere well wisher.

SIMEON DUCK,

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of British Columbia.

On motion, the Address was referred to a committee of three, for comment.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then appointed the following committee:

R. W. Frederick Williams,
W. H. F. Heisterman,
W. Henry Brown.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer then submitted the following annual report; which, upon motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To THE MOST WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Your Grand Treasurer, in submitting an abstract of the transactions of the general funds of this Grand Lodge, begs leave to state that at the commencement of the year there was a

Balance on hand of	\$ 580 92
Borrowed from Benevolent Fund,	153 50
Receipts from the several Lodges,	584 75
Total,	\$ 1319 17

The receipts from the several Lodges show a falling off against last year, of -

\$ 42 50

The disbursements comprise salary to late Grand Secretary - \$ 150 00

Grand Tyler,	15 00
Balance of debt late District Grand Lodge,	220 00
Book-case for Grand Lodge,	71 50
Postages, Grand Secretary,	25 00
Fire Insurance,	17 70
Printing Proceedings,	103 50
Entertaining Brethren from the Sound,	125 00
Refund Benevolent Fund,	153 50
Balance on hand,	437 97

Total, \$ 1319 17

The statement is highly satisfactory, as with a balance in hand, the old debt has been paid off as well as the liability incurred in entertaining our Brethren from the neighboring American Grand Lodges.

The Benevolent Fund and Widows' and Orphans' Funds likewise show a progressive tendency; the balance now is \$2,315 69, against \$1,675 95 last year besides the dues of two of the Lodges. \$2,000 of the funds have been invested in the Loan and Investment Society, and a part thereof has produced \$120 interest. The Savings Bank interest to the 30th June last, amounts to \$49 75. Relief has been granted to three Brethren in the sum of \$190, against \$212 last year, the most of which was for funeral expenses.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT,

Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 19th, 1876.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

In Session, February 19th, 1876.

Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to report as follows, the transactions of his office during the past year:

1875.	Dr.	
Feb. 6—To balance on hand in Bank of British Columbia,	-	\$ 580 92
Dec. 17—To Cash received from Bro. Grand Secretary,	-	52 50
30—Do. Do. Do.	-	77 50
30—Do. Do. Do.	-	35 25
Oct. 5 and Nov. 22—Cash borrowed from Benevolent Fund,	-	153 50
1876—Jan. 5—Cash received from Bro. Grand Secretary,	-	186 50
12—Do. Do.	-	88 50
20—Do. Do.	-	110 50
Feb. 14—Do. Do.	-	34 00
Total,	-	\$ 1,319 17

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February 23—By Salary paid the Grand Secretary -	\$ 150 00
26—Bro. P. J. Hall, Grand Tyler,	15 00
26—Balance due British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, on Note given by late District G.L., E.R.,	220 00
April 8—Cash paid V. W. Coote M. Chambers, postage, etc	25 00
May 29—D. Shade, for Book-case,	71 50
June 2—Phoenix Fire Office, for Insurance,	17 70
Sept. 1—A. Rose, on account for Printing,	75 00
Oct. 4—Entertaining Masonic Brethren,	100 00
Oct. 5—Do. Do.	25 00
Nov. 22—A. Rose, balance for Printing Proceedings,	28 50
Dec. 30—Refunding Benevolent Fund, money borrowed,	153 50
1876—Feb. 19—Balance at credit in Bank of British Columbia,	437 97
Total,	\$ 1,319 17

1876—February 17—To balance, \$ 437 97

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT,

Grand Treasurer.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

In Session, February 19th, 1876.

Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to report the following abstract of the transactions of his office for the past year, in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund:

1875.	Dr.		
Feb. 20—	To Balance in Savings Bank, and Cash on hand,		\$ 1676 08
Dec. 17—	Cash from V. W. Grand Secretary, B.F.	\$ 60 00. W.O.	\$30 00 90 00
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30—	" " " " "	36 16. "	18 09 54 25
30—	Grand Lodge, money borrowed,		153 50
Jan. 5—	Cash from V. W. Grand Secretary, B.F.	141 00. W.O.	70 50 211 50
5—	Do. Do. "	68 67. "	34 33 103 00
19—	Loan and Investment Society, interest on 24 shares.	80 00. "	40 00 120 00
20—	V. W. Grand Secretary.	36 50. "	18 25 54 75
20—	Interest at Savings Bank to June 30, 1875,		49 75
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

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March 4—	By 24 Shares in the Loan and Investment Society,	\$ 1200 00
May 21—	Relief of Bro. Abrahams, Vancouver Lodge, No. 2	60 00
June 18—	Do. Shade, Victoria, Lodge, No. 1,	60 00
Aug. 2—	Do. Milner, Vancouver Lodge, No. 2,	70 00
Oct. 4 & 5—	Loan to Grand Lodge of British Columbia,	125 00
Nov. 22—	Do.	28 50
1875—Feb. 2—	16 Shares in the Loan and Investment Society,	800 00
	19—Balance on hand,	315 69
		<u>\$ 2659 19</u>
1876—Feb. 19—	To cash balance in Savings Bank,	\$ 315 69
	19—To 40 Shares in the Loan and Investment Society,	2000 00
	Total,	<u>\$ 2315 69</u>

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT,

Grand Treasurer.

The V. V. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following Annual Report; which, on motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A.M.,

Of British Columbia.

The Grand Secretary herewith submits his Annual Report, viz.: The receipts of his office from all sources for the year ending November 30th, 1875, amount to \$584 25, as follows:

For Registration fees,	\$ 81 00
For Annual Dues,	452 25
For Diplomas,	36 00
For Dispensation to confer Degrees,	15 00
Total,	<u>\$ 584 25</u>

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, still owing for 1 Diploma, \$2.

Quadra Lodge, No. 8, has not paid its returns for Benevolent Fund, and Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, owes for three quarters of the same Fund; also Union Lodge, No. 9, owing for 1 Diploma, \$2.

These amounts are debited to their respective accounts.

The sum of five hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, (\$584 25) was paid to the V. V. W. the Grand Treasurer, Bro. M. W. Waitt, and a declared statement furnishing the Auditing Committee, appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

All the Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, have made their returns complete up to the end of November last, and have paid all fees, dues, etc., to the Grand Lodge, with the exceptions already mentioned.

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The annual work compiled from the returns of the respective Lodges, shows the following:

Number initiated,	20
" Passed,	20
" Raised,	21
" Affiliated,	26
" Demitted,	15
" Died,	8
" Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	0
" Suspended for non-payment of Dues,	5
" Reinstated,	2
" Rejected,	7
" Expelled,	1
Total number of members,	300

DISPENSATIONS.

Conferring Degrees, (British Columbia Lodge)	-	-	1
To bury deceased Brethren (Quadra Lodge)	-	-	1
To hold Masonic Ball in regalia (Union Lodge)	-	-	1

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

By the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Simeon Duck, Esq., the following Commissions for Grand Representatives, were issued from this office:

R. W. Roger B. Reese, Grand Lodge of West Virginia.
R. W. Lewis Rosenberg, Grand Orient of Hungary.

Numerous applications have been received from Sister Grand Lodges for proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from formation of the same, to 1875, which have all been replied to, and the proceedings forwarded as far as practicable. The proceedings of 1875 were not posted within a reasonable time after the Annual Communication, owing to neglect while in the hands of the printer;—some six months having elapsed from the time of ordering the printing, to receipt of the same from the printer—and your Grand Secretary would suggest that some means may be adopted in the future, to obviate this unnecessary delay, and having more care and diligence employed; also that a greater number than 300 copies may be printed.

Your Grand Secretary would beg to acknowledge the courtesy received by him from other Grand Secretaries during the past year; also the promptness which they have exhibited in forwarding to this Grand Lodge the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, which have all been received; a list of which is here appended, together with the following pamphlets:

PROCEEDINGS OF 1874.

Laying of the corner stone of the new public buildings, Philadelphia, 1874.
Proceeding of the Grand Lodges of Territory of Washington, Missouri, Nevada, States of Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Louisiana, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Constitution of Missouri; Territory of Wyoming; Province of Quebec; District of Columbia; State of West Virginia; Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware; Grand Lodge of Berlin; Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

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PROCEEDINGS OF 1875.

Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, State of New Jersey, State of Louisiana; Grand Orient of France, Belgique (Belgium) Egypt, Peru, France, Brazil; Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Appendix and Correspondence of Grand Lodge of Alabama; Grand Lodges of Canada, Minnesota, Indiana, State of New York, New Jersey, Mississippi, New Orleans, Quebec, Missouri; Book of Constitution of Maine; Grand Lodge of Colorado, State of California, Nova Scotia, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Utah, State of Delaware, New Brunswick, State of Rhode Island, Kansas, and Grand Lodge of Washington Territory; Bulletin Grand Orient of France, Grand Orient of Brazil, Grand Lodge of Ohio; also Report of Grand Lodge of Ohio, relative to colored Grand Lodge of Ohio, A.M.; Report of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, relative to colored Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of State of Oregon, for 1875.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

Masonic Chronicle, June, July, August, September, October, November; Bulletin, from Grand Lodge of Peru; Canadian Masonic News, April, May, June, July, August, September, October; Michigan Freemason, for May; The Freemason, May and June; Masonic Advocate, for June; Voice of Masonry, May, June, July, August and September; New York Square; Michigan Freemason, November and December, 1875, January, 1876.

These proceedings have been carefully preserved, and placed in alphabetical order, as a commencement of a Grand Lodge Library, but the space allotted for a library is, in the opinion of your Grand Secretary, totally inadequate for such a purpose. At the rate that the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges have been received this year, will more than fill the Library case, and would suggest the immediate construction of a more capacious one, also that a copying press may be furnished the office, as it is not always convenient to convey the letter book outside of the office, to presses kindly lent by Brethren and friends.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt, that the office of Grand Secretary shall be made elective, not appointed.

Moved by W. Bro. Vinter, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. Harrison, That it is desirable to alter the Rules and Regulations of the Benevolent Fund, in order to make it more applicable to general charity.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Harrison, seconded by W. Bro. Thorne, That all Lodges now subscribing to the Fund of Benevolence, or those who may hereafter subscribe, pay the sum of \$1 50 per annum, in lieu of \$3 now being paid to the said fund. To be appropriated to the relief of Widows, Orphans, and transient Brethren in this jurisdiction, in such cases where their Lodges are unable to render sufficient assistance.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Harrison, seconded by W. Bro. Thorne, That there be added to Clause 2, Private Lodges, page 32 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the following: "No member shall be eligible for the position of W. M. unless previously having filled one of the Warden's Chairs, or by Special Dispensation of the M. W. the Grand Master."

By order of the Board of General Purposes, your Grand Secretary was authorized to draw on the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, for the sum of twenty-five dollars, for petty disbursements of this office, which was duly received, and expended as follows:

For Postage, etc.,	-	-	-	\$ 22 56
Balance on hand,	-	-	-	2 44
Total,	-	-	-	\$ 25 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,
Grand Secretary.

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INSURANCE.

The Furniture, Regalia, etc., etc., of the Grand Lodge has been insured (by order of the Board of General Purposes) for the sum of twelve hundred dollars, (\$1200) in the Phoenix Fire Insurance Office; date of insurance, April 26th, 1875.

GRAND SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Coote M. Chambers, Grand Secretary—In account with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ending 1st November, 1875:

Dr.

Dec. 29, '75—Received from Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Grand Lodge Dues, \$	77 50
1875—1 Diploma due, \$	2 00
1876—Jan. 5—Received from Vancouver Lodge, No. 2.	114 50
1875—Dec. 29—Received from Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.	110 50
1876—Jan. 9—Received from Cariboo Lodge, No. 4,	84 50
Dues, - - - - -	4 00
Due from last year, - - - - -	88 50
-Jan. 5—Received from British Columbia Lodge, No. 5,	71 50
-Dec. 9—Received from Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7,	35 25
-Received from Quadra Lodge, No. 8,	34 00
1875—Dec. 29—Received from Union Lodge, No. 9,	\$ 57 50
Overpaid, and since refunded, - - - - -	5 00
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$ 584 25

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By Cash paid V. W. Grand Treasurer, M. W. Waitt:

1875—Dec. 17—Per Voucher No. 1,	\$ 52 50
29 " " 2,	77 50
30 " " 3,	35 25
1876—Jan. 5 " 4,	71 50
5 " " 5,	114 50
6 " " 6,	88 50
20 " " 7,	110 50
" " " 8,	34 00
Total, - - - - -	\$ 584 25

RECAPITULATION.

Of Dues and Fees to Grand Lodge, for year.

Received from members,	\$ 407 75
Diplomas,	36 00
Affiliations,	37 50
Dispensation for Degrees,	15 00
Registration of Intrants,	84 00
Total, - - - - -	\$ 580 25
Amount paid by Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, due from last year,	4 00
Total, - - - - -	\$ 584 25

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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Detailed Statement of Dues and fees to Grand Lodge for 1875.

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Grand Lodge

Dues, \$ 77 50

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5 00 }

\$ 584 25

Lodges.	Received from Members.	Diplomas.	Affiliations.	Dispensation Conferring Degrees.	Registration of Intrants.	Total Am't.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	\$ 66 00	2 00	3 00	.....	6 50	77 50
Vancouver Lodge, No. 2.....	96 00	4 00	6 00	.....	8 50	114 50
Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.....	69 00	12 00	7 50	.....	22 00	110 50
Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.....	58 50	10 00	.....	.....	16 00	84 50
British Columbia Lodge, No. 5.....	48 00	2 00	1 50	15 00	5 00	71 50
Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.....	25 25	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	35 25
Quadra Lodge, No. 8.....	25 50	.....	6 00	.....	2 50	34 00
Union Lodge, No. 9.....	19 50	2 00	13 50	.....	17 50	52 50
	\$ 407 75	36 00	37 50	15 00	84 00	580 25
Due last year by Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.....						\$ 4 00
Total,						\$ 584 25

REPORT OF THE FINANCES

Of the Benevolent and Widows' and Orphans' Funds, for the year ending 30th November, 1875: collected and paid to the V. V. W. Grand Treasurer, as follows:

For the Benevolent Fund,	-	-	-	-	\$ 439 89
For the Widows' and Orphans' Funds,	-	-	-	-	219 97
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$ 659 86

Which is respectfully submitted,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,

FEBRUARY, 1876.

Grand Secretary.

Quadra Lodge, No. 8, has not paid its indebtedness to the above funds for the last year. The amount due is as follows:

Quarter ending February 28th, 1875,	-	-	-	\$ 15 50
Do. May 31st, 1875,	-	-	-	19 00
Do. August 31st, 1875,	-	-	-	15 00
Do. November 30th, 1875,	-	-	-	17 75
Total,	-	-	-	\$ 67 25

Also Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, due for three quarters.

\$ 407 75
36 00
37 50
15 00
84 00

\$ 580 25
4 00

\$ 584 25

The Secretary of the Benevolent and Widows' and Orphans' Funds, in account current with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, January 27th, 1875:

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

February 28	-To 46 members (4 demitted) (1 died)		
	4 @ $\frac{1}{2}$ price,		\$ 36 00
May 31	-To 43 members,	3 @ $\frac{1}{2}$ price,	33 37
	-To 2 Raisings,		4 00
August 31	-To 44 members,	3 @ $\frac{1}{2}$ price,	34 12
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
Nov. 30	-To 45 members,		33 75
	-To 3 members,	$\frac{1}{2}$ price,	1 12
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
			146 36

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.

February 28	-To 64 Members (1 demit)		\$ 48 00
	-To 3 Raisings,		6 00
May 31	-To 66 Members,		49 50
	-To 2 Raisings,		4 00
August 31	-To 68 Members,		51 00
Dec. 31	-To 68 Members, (1 demit)		51 00
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
			211 50

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

February 28	-To 49 Members,		\$ 36 75
	-To 9 Raisings,		18 00
			54 75
May 31	} Not received.		
August 31			
Dec. 31			

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5.

February 28	-To 33 Members,		\$ 24 75
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
May 31	-To 32 Members,		24 00
	-To 1 Demit,		
August 31	-To 34 Members,		25 50
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
Nov. 30	-To 33 Members,		24 00
	-To 1 Demit,		
			103 00

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

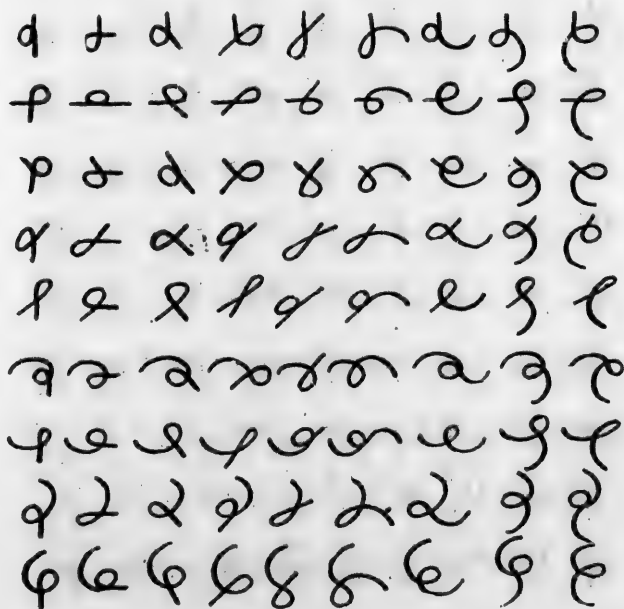
February 28	-To 16 Members,		\$ 12 00
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
May 31	-To 17 Members,		12 75
	-To 1 Raising,		2 00
Aug. 31	-To 17 Members,		12 75
Dec. 27	-To 17 Members,		12 75
			54 25

Carried forward, \$ 569 86

A table showing how to connect the vowel "o" with any preceding or following consonant.

It is exactly the same as the preceding table, only the circle between the two consonants is much larger. Remember that beginners are liable to create confusion by making the "o" too small or the "a" too large. Endeavor from the beginning to give each letter its proper size.

The key to this table is to be found in "Wawa" No. 139, page 76.



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

Number.	Names of Lodge.	Town.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Died.	Expelled.	Suspended for un-Masonic conduct.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Withdrawn from Lodge.	Members.	Grand Lodge Dues.
1	Victoria.	Victoria.	22	11	2	2	4	1					1		49	77 50
2	Vancouver	Victoria.	22	11	2	4	3	1							68	114 50
3	Ashlar.	Nanaimo	4	7	5	5	0	2	1	2		1	4		51	110 50
4	Cariboo	Barkerville	4	4	1	0	3	2					1		39	84 50
5	British Columbia	Victoria	2	4	1	1	2					1			33	71 50
7	Mount Hermon	Moodyville	2	2	2	2	1	2							17	35 25
8	Quadra	Victoria	0	0	0	5	1	2							21	34 00
9	Union	New Westminster.	4	4	3	9	2	1			3		1		22	52 50
			20	20	21	26	15	8	1		5	2	7		300	580 25
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																584 25

Amount due from last year by Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of Members per last returns of Grand Secretary, vide Grand Lodge Proceedings,		275
Add. }	Total number raised in 1875,	21 Members
	Do. Affiliated, in 1875,	26 "
	Do. Reinstated,	2 "
Total,		49
		324
Sub. }	Total number Demitted in 1875,	15 Members
	Do. Died,	8 "
	Do. Expelled,	1 "
		24
Total number of Members,		300

GRAND LODGE OF THE

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges,	8
Whole number Initiated in all Lodges,	20
Do. Passed,	20
Do. Raised,	21
Do. Affiliated,	26
Do. Demitted,	15
Do. Died,	8
Do. Suspended for un-Masonic conduct,	0
Do. Stricken from Rolls,	1
Do. Suspended for non-payment of Dues,	5
Do. Reinstated,	2
Do. Rejected,	7
Total number of Masons on Roll,	300
Total receipts from all sources,	\$ 584 25



THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Richard Lewis,
John R. Fleming.
James McKay Sabiston,
John Sampson,
Sewell Prescott Moody,
Otis Parsons,
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Alex. Fraser, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

S. D. Levi,	{	Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
G. H. Booth,		
William Fisher,	{	Union Lodge, No. 9.
Thos. E. Ladner,		
L. Wm. Riske.		

The Board of General Purposes then submitted the following

REPORT.

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. M.,
Victoria, February 18th, 1876. }

TO THE M. W. L. GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE

AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1. The Board of General Purposes, in submitting their Annual Report for 1875-'76, cannot report any great improvement in the condition of the Order since the last Session of the Grand Lodge. There have been but few additions to the Craft, as will be seen by the Grand Secretary's Report.

2. At the first meeting of the Board after the termination of last Session of the Grand Lodge, W. Bro. T. Trounce was unanimously elected as President.

3. The Board at its second meeting deemed it advisable to have the regalia, books, furniture, etc., etc., of the Grand Lodge, insured for the sum of twelve hundred dollars; which was duly attended to by the Grand Secretary.

4. Three hundred copies of Proceedings for 1873-'74-'75, were printed by resolution of Grand Lodge, and extra assistance was afforded the Grand Secretary to copy the back Proceedings of 1873-'74, and duly authorised by this Board, for which the sum of fifty dollars was voted.

5. This Board, upon due deliberation, have thought it advisable to alter and modify the rates to be charged to Subordinate Lodges for Benevolent, Widows' and Orphans' Funds, as well as the Rules and Regulations. A code of laws will be submitted for the consideration of the M. W. L. Grand Lodge.

6. The Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for his past year's services.

7. As will be seen by the Returns, the finances of the Grand Lodge are in a satisfactory state, as can readily be discerned by the subjoined report of the Auditing Committee:

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Your Committee, appointed by the Board to audit the accounts, and examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year, beg leave to report as follows:

That they have carefully examined the books, accounts, and several Vouchers of the said Grand Officers, and find them correct; your Committee have much pleasure in expressing their highest approval at the manner in which these officers have kept their accounts.

Balance on hand at last audit,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	580	92
Receipts for the year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	584	75
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	1165	67
Expenditure as per Vouchers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	727	70
Balance in Bank of British Columbia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	437	97

The receipts of the Benevolent and Widows' and Orphans' Funds were as follows:

Balance in Savings Bank at last audit,	-	-	-	-	-	\$	1675	95
Receipts during the year, 1875,	-	-	-	-	-	-	659	99
Interest on 24 shares B.C. Loan Society (10 months)	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	00
Interest, Dominion Savings Bank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	75
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$	2505	69

1875—March 24—Disbursements for the purchase of 24 Shares

1875—March 21—	B. C. L. and I. Society, @ \$50,				-	-	\$	1200	00
1876—Feb. 2—	Do.	Do.	Do.	16 Shares	-	-		800	00
Relief granted during the year,				-	-	-		190	00
Total,				-	-	-		2190	00
				-	-	-	\$	315	69

C. THORNE,
J. GORDON VINTER,
H. BROWN,
W. FRASER, Committee.

VICTORIA, B. C., 17th February, 1876.

8. Owing to the visitation of the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Idaho and Washington Territory, an extra session of the Grand Lodge was called, for the purpose of defraying any liabilities caused by the same

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE RECEPTION AND BALL COMMITTEE.

TO THE MOST WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA--WORTHY SIRS AND BRETHREN: The following is my financial statement in connection with the Fraternal visit and Reception of the Grand Lodges of the State of Oregon and Washington Territory.

The liabilities, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and Thirteen dollars and five cents (\$713 05) have been met, and paid as follows:

Received from the ball committee, five hundred and eighty-five dollars, (\$585); one hundred and twenty-five dollars from the Grand Treasurer, (\$125) leaving due to the S. G. W. as Treasurer of the ball committee, three dollars and five cents, (\$3 05). For full details of receipts and expenditure, see annexed particulars and vouchers.

It gives me much pleasure to inform the Grand Lodge that the Brethren in Victoria and its surroundings, gave the committee of arrangements all the assistance in their power, and to this fact of unanimity is mainly due the complete success of all our arrangements; and from the very flattering reports received from visiting Brethren, and the citizens of Victoria, it would seem the compliments to the Committee of Arrangements are well deserved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELI HARRISON,
S. G., Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,
Secretary to the Board of General Purposes.

On motion, the Report was ordered to be taken up in due course.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, at 4, P.M., Saturday.

In Grand Lodge.

SECOND DAY.

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Tuesday, 22nd instant, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Master on the Throne.

The following communications were read, and on motion, were received and ordered to be placed on file:

From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Hungary.

From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

From Mrs. Mary H. Vinning.

The communication from Brother in England, asking for information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Thomas Lavery, was taken up, and instructions given to the Grand Secretary to forward the communication to Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, Barkerville, where he is known to reside.

The communication from R. W. T. S. Parrin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, requesting two impressions of the seals of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was read, and on motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to forward the same.

A communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, referring to the suspen-

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sion of R.:W.: Bro. B. F. Brown, late Grand Treasurer, was read; and on motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction.

The communications from the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Dakota, and Manitoba, asking for fraternal recognition, were referred to the Board of General Purposes, to be reported on at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Several accounts were read, and on motion were referred to Board of General Purposes for payment, if found correct.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, beg to record their admiration of the masterly manner in which he has touched upon the various topics of interest to this Grand Lodge, and to approve of the fraternal spirit that pervades his message.

Your Committee beg to recommend:

That the appointment of R.:W.: Bro. Roger B. Reece, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia;

Also the appointment of R.:W.: Bro. Lewis Rosenberg, D.C.L., Advocate, Grand Orator, near the Grand Orient of Hungary, be confirmed.

They beg further to recommend an extension of the system of Grand Lodge representation near the other American and Foreign Grand Lodges, and are pleased to see that steps to that end are meditated.

Your Committee note the invitation extended to this Grand Lodge to be represented at the inauguration of the Grand Masonic Temple in New York in June last, and hope that ere long the Craft in this Province may rejoice in the possession of a Temple of their own, and suited to their purposes.

Your Committee learn with pleasure that friendly intercourse between this Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges all over the world, continues to augment, and that new ties are ever sought to be extended to us by still younger sisters than ourselves.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that in your official visitations, the Lodges have proved themselves efficient.

It is a matter of regret, that in your opinion, the time for the adoption of a uniform Ritual has not yet come, so as to induce the Brethren to make the necessary sacrifice on either side, and hope that better counsel may prevail, and lead to the adoption of one, in lieu of the present dual Ritual.

The absence of Dispensations for conferring degrees at shorter periods than provided by the Constitution, in comparison with former years, is a subject of congratulation.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the formation of a Grand Lodge library has been carried out, and hope that steps may be taken to extend the same as much as possible, for the general welfare of the Craft in this Province.

Your Committee hope that our venerable Grand Mother of Scotland may, ere long, condescend to recognize her youngest daughter, following her august sister of England, which two years ago graciously recognized us.

Your Committee concur in the immediate recognition at this Session of the Grand Lodge of the newly formed Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Dakota, Manitoba, Indian Territory, and Prince Edward Island, if the Board of General Purposes recommend the same.

The visitation of the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington Territory, to this Grand Lodge in August last, is a subject of good import to the Craft, and your Committee concur with you in hoping that this visit may be the forerunner of an annual series of Fraternal Masonic courtesies with our neighboring Grand Lodges.

Your Committee regret the loss the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada has suffered through the death of its able Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Thos. Bird Harris, and also this Grand Lodge; through the untimely death of several of its members on board the ill-fated Pacific.

In conclusion, your Committee concur in your prognostication that Masonry in this Province will materially increase in the near future, and think it a matter of satisfaction that harmony and Brotherly love has prevailed among the Craft during the year just past, which we think is in a great measure due to the ability with which under Providence, you have managed our affairs.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS,

H. BROWN,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Committee on Grand Master's Address.

FEBRUARY 22nd. 1876

The Board of General Purposes reported the following By-laws for the regulation of the Benevolent, Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia; which upon motion were confirmed, and ordered to be printed in connection with the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and all previous existing laws conflicting with the above, were also, on motion, repealed.

Alteration of the By-laws of the Fund of Benevolence, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia:

1. All moneys due, and all funds invested, not belonging to the Fund of Benevolence, shall remain in the custody of the Grand Treasurer and the Board of General Purposes, to be disposed of as the said Board may direct, subject to the following rules:

2. Each Lodge in British Columbia contributing to the Fund of Benevolence shall pay one dollar and fifty cents per annum, for each member on the books of the Lodge, and five dollars for every candidate that may be raised, and two dollars for every affiliation from a Lodge not within the Province, which moneys shall be paid half-yearly to the Grand Secretary; and the Grand Secretary shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, and said moneys shall be devoted to charity.

3. No Mason initiated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, shall receive the benefits of this Fund, unless he has paid the full consideration fee, and been registered on the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a contributing member to this fund for at least two years, and during that period paid his dues in full, and shall be at the time of his application, in good standing. The limitation of two years however, shall not apply to the cases of shipwreck, or loss by fire, breaking or dislocation of limbs, or other unavoidable accidents that may be fully attested and proved.

or to Brethren initiated prior to the year 1876, in a Lodge contributing to this fund, and who has continued his subscription up to the time of application for moneys from said fund.

4. Applications for relief must be by petition, stating name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the Brother requesting relief; the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when he was initiated, and of the Lodge of which he is a member at the time of application. Every petition must be supported by resolution of the Lodge of which the Brother is a member, signed by the Master and Wardens; and in no case shall a larger sum than \$50 be given at one time.

The petition shall be in the form following: "We being the Master and Wardens of _____ Lodge, No. _____ do hereby certify that Bro. _____ has been a regular contributing member, paying the stipulated subscription to a contributing Lodge, for the space of _____ years, and that the said Brother is in good standing, and is in need of a larger amount of assistance than this Lodge is able to afford. We therefore request that he, being eligible, may receive from the Fund of Benevolence, the sum of _____ dollars. Dated at this _____ day of _____ A.L., 58 _____"

5. Widows and Orphans of deceased Bro. Masons who would have been entitled to receive assistance from this Fund at the time of their death, shall be entitled to receive assistance from the Fund of Benevolence. Such applications must be accompanied by the certificate of the Grand Secretary, as to the deceased Brother, or satisfactory proof from the Lodge of which he was last a member.

6. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, it shall be lawful for the Committee hereinafter mentioned, in cases of distress, to afford relief to transient Brethren of other Grand Lodges, provided they have contributed to some Lodge within twelve months prior to their application, and are not under suspicion of suspension or expulsion, and can produce proper Vouchers. Such relief shall not exceed \$10 at one time. But in no case shall relief be given to transient Brethren who have neglected to contribute to some Lodge within the above period.

7. In the City of Victoria, and places where there are more than one Lodge five duly appointed Brethren from the different Lodges, shall form a committee to enquire into cases of distress of transient Brethren, and to relieve them, and of such committee three shall form a quorum. In places where there is but one Lodge, all such matters shall be attended to by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge; but in all such cases it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to refuse all applications that may be irregular, or contrary to the provisions of the By-laws of the Fund of Benevolence, or amendments thereto, until such applications be approved by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge.

No person shall be allowed to become a pensioner on the Fund of Benevolence, and repeated applications from the same parties are to be discouraged.

QUESTIONS TAKEN UP ON NOTICES OF MOTION.

Moved by Bro. M. W. Waitt, seconded by Bro. Eli Harrison:

That the office of Grand Secretary shall be made elective, not appointed which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. E. Harrison, seconded by Bro. O. Thorne, it was resolved that Clause 2, Private Lodges, pag

32 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, shall be altered to read as follows:

"No member shall be eligible for the position of W.:M.: unless previously having filled one of the Warden's Chairs, or by special Dispensation of the M.:W.: the Grand Master."

ANNUAL ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the M.:W.: Grand Master appointed Bros. W. Dalby, T. Trounce, and P. Oasterhout as Tellers, when the Grand Lodge proceeded to the performance of that duty, with the following result:

Bro. Simeon Duck, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously elected Grand Master, but declining, Bro. Frederick Williams, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, was declared duly elected Grand Master.

Bro. Eli Harrison, of Quadra Lodge, No. 8, Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Cornelius Thorne, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. J. Gordon Vinter, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev. Bro. F. B. Gribbell, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, re-elected Grand Chaplain.

Bro. M. W. Waitt, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Coote M. Chambers, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. P. J. Hall, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, re-elected Grand Tyler.

On motion, all the elections were declared unanimous.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until Thursday, the 24th instant, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M.

In Grand Lodge.

THIRD DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, February 24th, A.D., 1876, 7:30, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor; Officers and Masters present, as on Tuesday.

The M. W. Grand Master Simeon Duck, presiding.

The question of Ritual was here taken up, and on motion this subject was dropped.

Moved by R. W. Wm. Dalby, seconded by W. P. Oosterhout:

That the M. W. Grand Master and V. W. Grand Treasurer shall see that the V. W. Grand Secretary's books are written up, and inspected, before receiving his remuneration, which was carried.

On motion, the V. W. Grand Secretary's salary for the year ending 1876, was fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars.

The following Brethren were then elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. Dalby,	Bro. J. H. Todd,
Bro. T. Trounce,	Bro. I. Ragazzoni,
Bro. E. Harrison, Jr.,	Bro. H. F. Heisterman.

On motion, this year's Proceedings were ordered to be printed under the supervision of the Board of General Purposes.

On motion, the amendments to the Constitution were ordered to be printed on a fly-leaf, to be attached to the printed proceedings of this year.

On motion, the question of "Burial Plots" was referred to the Board of General Purposes, to confer with Sister Societies for the purpose of ascertaining the right of burial in the public cemetery in Victoria, or the advisability of purchasing a plot.

M.:W.: Frederick Williams, Grand Master elect, then appointed the following Grand Officers:

W.: J. C. Hughes . . .	Grand Senior Deacon.
" W. Stewart	Grand Junior Deacon.
" T. Trounce	Grand Superintendent of Works.
" T. Shotbolt, . . .	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" E. Harrison, Jr. .	Grand Marshal.
" W. Harrison . . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. Murray	Grand Standard Bearer.
" W. Fraser	Grand Organist.
" P. Oasterhout. . .	Grand Pursuivant.
" J. Robinson . . .	Grand Stewards.
" J. H. Todd . . .	
" W. Stephenson. .	
" G. Thomson . . .	
" M. Bate	

The M.:W.: Simeon Duck, Past Grand Master, proceeded to the installation of his successor, M.:W.: Bro. Frederick Williams, the Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated, invested, installed, and proclaimed in the south, west, and east, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

The following elected and appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge, were then invested and installed by the M.:W.: Past Grand Master:

R.:W.: Eli Harrison, Sr . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: C. Thorne	Senior Grand Warden.
R.:W.: J. Gordon Vinter . .	Junior Grand Warden.
V.:W.: M. W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
V.:W.: Coote M. Chambers .	Grand Secretary.
W.: T. Trounce	Grand Superintendent of Works
W.: E. Harrison, Jr. . . .	Grand Marshal.
W.: W. Harrison	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.: Wm. Fraser	Grand Organist.
W.: P. Oasterhout. . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
W.: J. H. Todd	Grand Stewards.
W.: G. Thomson	
W.: P. J. Hall	Grand Tyler.

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Simeon Duck, in most eloquent terms, complimented the Officers of the Grand Lodge on their selection of a Grand Master, which was acknowledged in appropriate terms by M.:W.: Grand Master Frederick Williams.

The labor of this Communication being finished, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

Robert Chambers
Grand Secy.



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RETURNS OF LODGES.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, VICTORIA, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Thursday in each month, at 7.30, p.m.

OFFICERS.

John Weiler, W. M.
W. T. Livock, S. W.
J. H. Innes, J. W.
J. C. Bales, Secretary,
H. L. C. Jones, Treasurer,

Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chaplain,
E. C. Baker, S. D.
W. Trickey, J. D.
E. Dickenson, D. of Cer.

R. Laing, }
J. Loewen, } Stewards.
R. Keeler, I. G.
J. Andrews, Organist,
T. Cuniff, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J. J. Southgate,
R. Burnaby,
J. F. McCreight,

Hy. Nathan,
I. Ragazzoni,

F. Williams.
C. Thorne,

MEMBERS.

W. Arthur,
B. D. Acland,
A. W. Barnett,
G. Bossi,
W. R. Clarke,
J. P. Davies,
W. A. Elliott,
E. Foster,
D. W. Higgins,
J. T. Howard,

J. Isbister,
S. L. Kelly,
W. Leigh,
G. Izat,
J. Nicholson,
U. Nelson,
D. A. N. Ogilvy,
A. Phillips,
R. Plummer,

H. Rhodes,
A. B. Robertson,
D. Shade,
J. Strachan,
W. H. Thain,
M. Coates,
T. Hankin,
F. G. Richards,
J. Wilson.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

H. McKay,

C. McMillan,

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

E. Stephens,
Richard Roberts,

J. Tait,
G. Blinkinsop,

F. Lluce.

DIED—R. Lewis.

DEMITTED.

J. H. Buttell.
T. T. Riordan,

J. Rueff,
F. Stockham.

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2, VICTORIA, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30, p.m.

OFFICERS.

J. Gordon Vinter, W. M.
P. Osterhout, S. W.
T. Inge, J. W.
C. M. Chambers, Secretary,

J. F. Becker, Treasurer,
W. Bowden, S. D.
T. Ennor, J. D.

L. Lewis, }
C. Taylor, } Stewards.
T. Martin, I. G.
T. Cuniff, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

I. W. Powell,
M. W. Walitt,
S. Duck,

W. Dalby,
R. H. Adams,
W. B. Wilson,

C. M. Chambers,
A. Astrico.

MEMBERS.

Geo. Hicken,
W. Marshall,
J. Dorman,
J. A. Mara,
H. M. Cohen,
R. J. McDowell,
D. F. Fee,
F. Campbell,
P. J. Hall,
J. Bryden,
J. H. Turner,
W. Scott,
P. Steele,
T. G. Moody,
W. Robertson,

J. Abrams,
J. Madden,
S. M. Rodgers,
G. Oppenheimer,
W. Morrison,
J. Spratt, (contributing)
J. Davies,
C. B. Sweeney,
J. Stafford,
S. Goodacre,
W. A. Robertson,
R. Wood,
G. Rudlin,
H. E. Heslye,
P. Manetta,

W. Sinclair,
C. E. Anderson,
R. Beaven,
J. Williams,
J. Starton,
J. Flett,
J. Johnson,
J. Gosnell,
W. Haynes,
J. Jessop,
A. Gilmore,
J. Finlayson,
W. McKeohan,
W. Jackson,
J. Clapperton.

ENTRED APPRENTICES.

Geo. Harlesty,

A. Donohue,

DIED—J. B. Fleming, (Fellow-craft.)

DEMITTED.

G. C. Keays, P. M.,

D. H. Porter.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3, NANAIMO, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Saturday in each month, at 8, P.M.

OFFICERS.

James Brown, W. M.
W. A. Horne, S. W.
A. Eason, J. W.
C. N. Young, Secretary,

A. Mayer, Treasurer,
J. Sabiston, S. D.
B. Aitken, J. D.
W. Stewart, Director of Cer.

M. Burns, Steward,
T. Lindsay, I. G.
A. Venney, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W. Stewart,

J. Renwick,
R. Burnaby, (Honorary),

M. Bate,

MEMBERS.

D. Fren,
J. S. Smith,
A. Muir,
J. Dick,
G. Baker,
S. B. Hamilton,
W. McCulloch,
F. D. Little,
G. L. Bevilockway,
R. Martin,
B. Malado,
J. Webb,
D. Harris,

E. Quennell,
J. Harris,
A. G. Horne,
W. Davidson,
M. McKenzie,
A. McKinlay,
Saml. Drake,
J. A. Carstairs,
J. Neil,
J. Brown,
R. Williams,
J. Puetz,
A. S. Gill,

N. Buckley,
J. Stewart,
W. Flewitt,
W. Stewart, Jr.,
W. B. Cowling,
J. McKinlay,
L. R. McInnes,
H. Maguire,
C. Colner,
J. Tambllyn,
B. O. Beck,
R. Ross.

DIED.

J. McKay Sabiston,

J. Sampson.

DEMITTED.

J. Johns,

E. Coltman,
G. H. Booth.

S. D. Levi, P.M.,

RESTORED—J. Webb.

STRICKEN FROM THE ROLLS—Alex. Fraser.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4, BARKERVILLE, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Saturday in each month, at 7:30, P.M.

OFFICERS.

Wm. Stephenson, W.M.
J. O. McMillan, S. W.
S. A. Rogers, J. W.

J. H. St. Laurent, Secretary,
A. Pendola, Treasurer,
B. VanVolkenburgh, S. D.

H. McDermott, J.D.
J. F. Gerald, I. G.
C. C. Paulsen, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J. Nutt,

J. S. Thompson.

MEMBERS.

J. Nutt,
J. S. Thompson,
D. McNaughton,
J. Bruce,
R. Delighton,
A. Hoffman,
A. Pendola,
J. H. St. Laurent,
E. Pearson,
D. T. Price,
G. Duff,
G. Byrnes,
W. Rennie,

G. Valetti,
J. C. McMillan,
J. Hunter,
W. Hosford,
F. Neufelder,
D. Ercole,
J. Reid,
I. VanVolkenburgh,
A. McKenzie,
Wm. Allen,
T. Harding,
S. A. Rogers,
W. Stephenson,

J. H. Todd,
W. Wolfe,
J. G. Goodson,
J. F. Gerald,
B. VanVolkenburgh,
A. E. B. Davie,
C. J. Paulsen,
E. O. Neufelder,
A. Lindsay,
J. Williams,
W. Tucker,
H. McDermott,
J. Stone.

DEMITTED.

I. Oppenheimer,

D. Kurtz.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5, VICTORIA, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Tuesday in each month, at 7:30, P.M.

OFFICERS.

Thos. Trounce, W. M.
G. Thomson, S. W.
R. Brodrick, J. W.
T. R. Mitchell, Secretary.
T. Shotholt, Treasurer.

Rev. F. Gribbell, Chaplain,
T. Dodds, S. D.
E. M. Brown, J. D.
C. C. McKenzie, Dir. of Cer.

T. Price,
J. W. Maslar, } Stewards.
S. T. Styles, I. G.
T. Cuniff (not a member) Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H. Nathan,
T. Shotholt,

J. Winger,
H. Brown.

W. Harrison.

MEMBERS.

T. Pamphlet,
R. H. Alexander,
J. J. Austin,
W. Evans,
S. T. Franklyn,
H. G. Goward,

C. W. Horth,
A. C. Couves,
P. Olsen,
P. Bondot,
E. J. Salomon,
T. G. Phypers,

T. D. Lindsay,
T. Cock,
A. A. Green,
W. Harrison,
I. Ragazzoni, (Honorary.)

FELLOW-CRAFTS.

R. Bishop,

J. Todd,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

J. Teague,

T. J. Weeks,
J. Hearles.

O. H. Trehart,

DEMITTED.

H. A. Stoecker,

T. Barber.

RESTORED—W. Harrison.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7, BURRARD INLET, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the Saturday nearest full moon, at 8, P.M.

OFFICERS.

J. C. Hughes, W.M.
G. W. Cole, S.W.
P. W. Swett, J.W.T. Cooper, Secretary,
E. Millman, Treasurer.
J. A. Cottrell, S.D.J. H. Van Bramer, J.D.
G. Black, I.G.
G. W. Haynes, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J. C. Hughes,

J. A. Cottrell.

MEMBERS.

B. H. Wilson,
W. Burdin,
H. Wharton,A. Merrifield,
A. F. White,P. A. Allen,
B. Springer.

DIED—S. P. Moody.

QUADRA LODGE, No. 8, VICTORIA, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the second Friday in each month, at 8, P.M.

OFFICERS.

M. F. Heisterman, W.M.
W. Fraser, S.W.
E. Harrison, Jr., J.W.R. B. McMicking, Secretary.
R. P. Rithet, Treasurer.
D. Kurtz, S.D.G. J. Clark, J.D.
A. W. Vowell, I.G.
T. Cuniff, (not a member) Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

J. A. Grahame,

H. B. W. Aikman,
W. Fraser, (affiliated.)

E. Harrison, (affiliated)

MEMBERS.

H. F. Heisterman,
J. A. Grahame,
W. Fraser,
J. Kriemler,
H. B. W. Aikman,
J. S. Drummond,
R. P. Rithet,E. Harrison,
E. Harrison, Jr.,
R. B. McMicking,
J. Bruce,
G. J. Clark,
J. B. Lovell,C. T. Houghton,
A. W. Vowell,
D. Kurtz,
J. Mann,
J. C. Calbraith,
J. McCully.

FELLOW-CRAFT—F. J. Barnard.

DIED—Otis Parsons, J. H. Sullivan.

DEMITTED—C. Strouse.

UNION LODGE, No. 9, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Monday in each month, at 8, P.M.

OFFICERS.

E. Brown, W. M.,
J. T. Scott, S. W.,
J. Robinson, J. W.

I. Johns, Secretary,
R. Dickenson, Treasurer,
J. A. Clarke, S. D.,

P. Arnaud, J. D.,
C. Lee, I. G.,
W. Powers, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J. Murray,

P. German,

V. B. Tait.

MEMBERS.

G. Landvoight,
J. Donnally,
S. Tingley,
D. Oppenheimer,

C. N. Trew,
J. Barnes,
A. H. McBride,

G. Cook,
B. Douglas,
T. R. McInnes.

FELLOW-CRAFTS.

Wm. Dodd,

Thos. Birt.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

J. G. Bristol.

DEAD—G. Musselman.

DEMITTED.

W. H. Davis.

G. Coxon.

SUSPENDED.

W. Fisher.

T. E. Ladner.

L. W. Risko.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

VICTORIA, 19th February, 1876.

TO SIMEON DUCK, GRAND MASTER

OF F. AND A.M., IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: I respectfully tender you the following report of my official actions as your representative:

Last July a communication was received by this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, inviting this Grand Lodge and the Brethren of this jurisdiction to join them, in conjunction with the Grand Lodges of Washington Territory and Idaho, in a grand Masonic reunion and Festival to be held in the city of Olympia, W.T., on the 17th of August, 1875, and intimating their intention to visit Victoria.

You having the good of the Order at heart, and wishing to extend the hand of fellowship to our Brethren in the adjoining States, accepted their cordial invitation; but thinking it necessary to stay in Victoria to receive our visiting Brethren with becoming and fraternal honors, deputed me as your representative, to go with a deputation from this jurisdiction to Olympia, in answer to the invitation.

Accordingly, on the morning of the 17th of August, myself, with R. W. Eli Harrison, G.S.W., Bro. P. Hall, Grand Tyler, and Bros. E. Baker, A. A. Green, and Frank Richards, left Victoria for Olympia; but on account of fog and other detentions, did not reach that city until the morning of the 18th, thereby missing the reunion of the 17th.

As soon as it was known to the Brethren in Olympia, that we were on board the steamer Favorite, Grand Master Hayden and Past Grand Master Rothschild, of Washington Territory, immediately called a number of the Grand Lodge Officers together as a Committee of Reception, who most cordially and fraternally received us. After our reception and breakfast, we were taken in carriages about two miles, to a grand clam bake, which was held in a large orchard close to the water's edge, and to which Grand Master Congle, of Oregon, and most of the Brethren, had gone before our arrival.

We were introduced to Grand Master Congle, Governor Ferris, and many other distinguished Masons and Brethren, by the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, and they and our Oregon Brethren received and welcomed us most fraternally.

We were given the seat of honor at the festivities; honors were given to the Grand Lodge and jurisdiction of British Columbia, to which I had the honor to respond, and gave in your name, and in the name of the Brethren of British Columbia, a cordial and fraternal invitation to our Brethren there assembled, to visit us in the City of Victoria, and to receive from us such hospitality and fraternal welcome as time and circumstances would permit. The invitation being accepted by the Grand Lodges, some hundreds of the Brethren, late in the evening, embarked with us on board the steamer North Pacific and Favorite, for Victoria, where we arrived on the afternoon of Thursday, the 19th August, after a very pleasant trip.

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I have also the honor to report, Most Worshipful Sir, that on the 1st of January, I visited British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, and installed the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. George Thomson, into the Chair of King Solomon, who afterwards installed his own officers.

I also visited, on the 3rd January, Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and installed the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. T. Livock, in the Chair of King Solomon, who also afterwards installed his own officers.

I have great pleasure to inform you that those two Lodges are in a very prosperous and harmonious condition. All of which I beg to submit.

I am, respectfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK WILLIAMS,

Deputy Grand Master.

February, 1876.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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APPENDIX.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. M., OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

Held in the City of Victoria on the 30th September, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875,
At 8 o'clock, P. M.

The following Grand Officers were in attendance:

The M. W.	Simeon Duck...	Grand Master, on the Throne.
V. W.	M. W. Waitt...	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.	Eli Harrison...	Grand Senior Warden.
W.	Thos. Trounce...	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.	H. Nathan....	Past Grand Junior Warden.
V. W.	H. F. Heisterman	P. G. S. as Grand Secretary.
W.	Wm. Dalby...	Grand Senior Deacon.
"	C. Thorne....	Grand Junior Deacon.
"	J. H. Todd....	Grand Pursuivant.
"	P. J. Hall.....	Grand Tyler.

Past Masters, Bros. E. Harrison, and J. Winger.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated this Emergency Meeting had been called to obtain authority from the Grand Lodge to pay certain indebtedness incurred when receiving the visitors from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Territory as the Board of General Purposes was only authorized to draw to the extent of \$100 upon the General Funds. Authority was therefore sought to defray said excess in expenditure.

It was moved by Bro. Grand Senior Deacon, seconded by the V. V. W., the Grand Treasurer:

That the indebtedness be paid, and that the funds be temporarily borrowed from the Benevolent Fund, to be repaid with five per cent. interest, as soon as the annual dues are paid in. Carried.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Ball Committee for the efficient manner in which they performed their duty, in connection with the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Territory.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

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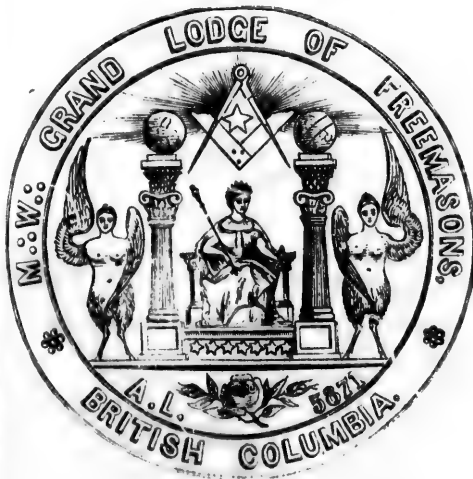
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W. C. Humphreys
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GRAND MASONIC REUNION

OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGES OF OREGON,
WASHINGTON TERRITORY, IDAHO, AND BRITISH COLUM-
BIA, AT VICTORIA, 19TH AUGUST, 1875.

At five, p.m., the Masonic Lodges of British Columbia assembled in full regalia at Masonic Hall, Government street, and formed in procession, headed by Schaffer's band, proceeded to the wharf to receive the visiting Brethren who had come over on the North Pacific. The various Lodges represented were then arranged in the following order:

Adra, No. 8; British Columbia, No. 5; Vancouver, No. 2; Victoria, No. 1; Royal Arch Chapter; Visiting Brethren; and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

In this order the procession escorted the visitors up Yates street, and along Blanchard, then turning to the right, passed down Fort street to Philharmonic Hall. During this time the wives and daughters of the visiting Brethren had been conveyed to the Hall in omnibuses. On the arrival of the visitors at the Hall, the Brethren were called to order, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Oregon and Washington Territory, were presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia, by Deputy Grand Master Frederick Williams, who had gone with the deputation which proceeded from Victoria to Olympia.

The W. Director of Ceremonies arranged the procession as agreed upon, and the Masons marched through the principal streets in the following order to Philharmonic Hall:

Grand Marshal.
Victoria Brass Band.
Tyler.
Subordinate Lodges in twos.
Stewards with Rods.
Secretaries and Treasurers
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters.
Deacon. Master. Deacon.
All Visiting and Subordinate Lodges in twos, and in order of procession
same as above.
Olympia Cornet Band.
A.A.S.R.
Visiting Royal Arch Masons.
Victoria Royal Arch Chapters.
Grand Lodge of Washington.
Grand Lodge of Oregon.
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia took its place upon the platform the Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction sat below them, facing their American brethren, who occupied the body of the hall. In an open space between the Subordinate Lodges of British Columbia, and the visiting Brethren were chairs of honor. To these, Grand Master Congle, (Oregon) and Grand Master Hayden, (Washington Territory) were conducted.

Grand Master Duck called upon the Brethren of British Columbia to take their stations and salute the Grand Lodge of Oregon, taking time from the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The salute was given as by one man. The same honor was next paid to the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory. Deputy Grand Master Williams and Grand Master Duck left the platform, and Bro. Williams introduced his Grand Master to the Grand Masters of Oregon and Washington. The three Grand Masters next took seats together on the platform, the guests to the right. Grand Master Duck then said:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIRs, MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS AND BRETHREN: The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and the Brethren of this jurisdiction extend to you, as visitors to the Masonic fraternity of this Province, a hearty and fraternal welcome; and as citizens of this country we say to you, to your wives and daughters and others, if any there be of your company, thrice welcome to our shores.

It has never been my good fortune to visit a Lodge beyond the limits of this jurisdiction, and but once beyond the limits of this city, or to converse with a brother Mason in any country but my own. My experience as a Mason began here, and my knowledge, such as it is, of the Order, has been obtained from the Brethren with whom I have been surrounded, and to whom I am indebted for the position I now occupy and enjoy. Yet I know that there are many who denounce the Order for all that is low and mean, and as emanating from the evil one, and that a strong effort is being made in some parts of the world to accomplish its entire destruction. I know that not every member of the fraternity practically acknowledges in his conduct the pure principles of the Order—principles that have been exemplified to him in the most forcible manner, in all the ceremonies of the various degrees through which he must of necessity have passed.

That Freemasonry has languished at different times in the long period of its history, none will attempt to deny. That some are induced to join our ranks in the hope of obtaining a wide-spread popularity, and others to extend their business relations, and gratify a morbid curiosity, we frankly admit. But we know also that if there ever existed a human association on earth, more distinguished than another for the principles and practice of Brotherly love, and genuine morality, it is the one in honor of which we have assembled together to-day. But these are matters of little consequence to us at the present time. It has been handed down to us in its present form by our predecessors, pure and unsullied, from generation to generation, and its principles are coeval with the beginning, since they consist of truth and justice, attributes of the great first cause, the Father of all, our Supreme Grand Master, whom we reverence and serve.

In the earliest ages of the world, when mankind were sunk in gross darkness, the light of our mystic Brotherly Covenant shone inviting with its benign rays the ignorant to approach, that they might be instructed—and the vicious that they might be reclaimed from their enmity and strife. In all ages, and down to the present day, the same benevolent spirit has been the badge of honor to every true member of the Craft. Princes, senators, nobles, philosophers, the good and the wise of all ranks and classes of men, forgetting their nobility and their splendor, have sought the honor of membership in a society where all are considered as Brethren, and where only worth and benevolence confer a title to respect. Nor do we boast only of a society long famous for the principles on which it is founded. The annals of masonry are bright with a galaxy of deeds—deeds of the purest and loftiest philanthropy. We could tell you of captives delivered, and exiles restored, the oppressed succored, and the poor relieved, by the Brotherly love of Masonry. And we would remind you that its spirit is unchanged, that its fundamental principles have descended from the earliest ages of the world, and that they are sacred and perennial. The great objects of Masonry are to spread the light of science and of useful knowledge, to kindle and diffuse the flow of sympathy and love, and to pro-

mote the interests of sound morality and pure religion. These are some of the lessons which have been taught to us by eminent and distinguished Masons of the past—men whose names when heard seldom fail to impress our minds with noble thoughts and aspirations; men whose virtuous lives and illustrious deeds stand prominently before us as beacon lights in the path of life, to guide us onward and upward to an entrance through that portal which leads to a brighter and better world. Such are the names of Washington, Warren, of Lafayette and a host of others of all countries, to say nothing of the innumerable multitude of those in the more humble sphere of life, whose names are seldom heard beyond the generation of their own day, but whose moral rectitude and praiseworthy examples reflect a benign influence, and cast a ray of light that shall continue to shine through the unfolding ages of the future, until all mankind shall be redeemed from the death of sin to a life of happiness that shall be beautiful and everlasting.

Ignorance may roar, and prejudice, bigotry, and superstition run rampant. These may denounce the fair fame of Masonry, and the tyrant hand may attempt to pull down and destroy the fair edifice, but a Temple whose foundation stands upon the rock of eternal truth and justice, shall continue to survive until the whole human family shall have been converted to the great, glorious principles that are inculcated within its sacred walls.

When I cast a glance at this assembly, and behold the kind and intellectual faces of those who have come from a distance to visit and do us honor, I know that the Order still liveth; that its branches which spread out through every civilized country of the world, are strong and vigorous, and that its leaves still perform their natural functions. When we take into consideration the intense enmity and hatred which at one time prevailed between the people of Great Britain and those of her colonies, whose descendants we are; when we think of the hardships endured, the miseries inflicted, the pain and sorrow entailed, and the noble and patriotic sacrifice of life and property during the Revolutionary struggle, which culminated a hundred years ago in an event that has since proved the greatest blessing to mankind on record—I mean the birth of a young nation, and the advance of freedom; when we reflect that during that fierce war, amidst the roar of cannon, the rattle of musketry, and the clash of steel; in the depths of the battle field; amidst the groans and shrieks of the dying and wounded, noble deeds of benevolence and mercy were performed in the name of Masonry—may we not with propriety assume that to the pure and holy influences of the Order, we are greatly indebted for that state of peace and tranquility, that feeling of friendship and good understanding which at present exists between Britain and America? I think we may. That feeling of intense enmity and hatred which at one time existed between the two nations in relation to each other, is now happily buried in oblivion. Long may it remain so; and may they continue to work forever in harmony together, as they are now doing, to further the advancement of science, and shorten the approach to that period of life when

"Man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be, for a' that."

We have met together to-day on a very interesting occasion. From nearly all parts of this western coast, north of San Francisco, have the Brethren assembled. On no former occasion has such a gathering been seen, and we hail the event as one in the Masonic history of the Province that will long be remembered with feelings of pride and satisfaction by the Brethren who compose this jurisdiction.

Although our Lodges are young, and not numerically strong, and notwithstanding the great distance which intervenes between them, and our limited means of communication, we have exerted our best endeavors to provide for you, our visiting Brothers, a suitable and acceptable entertainment; and we trust that whilst you are sojourning amongst us, you will exercise that freedom of thought, of action and expression, which we know is the peculiar characteristic of the American people, and the distinctive qualities of a progressive race:

so that, upon your return to your respective homes, and years roll by, you may still retain a lively recollection of the Brethren of this jurisdiction, and feel that, although small in numbers, we are not wanting in that feeling of friendship which is the bond of union, and the source of joy.

SPEECHES IN RESPONSE.

Grand Master Congle rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia and Brethren—I, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, will not attempt to reply to the very eloquent address to which we have just listened, and will simply say that we thank you from our hearts for the reception you have just tendered us. It is true we are citizens of two distinct nationalities, but as Masons we are one; one great brotherhood, with a record that runs back into remote ages, and doctrines that will stand through all time. We have been persecuted and maligned, it is true, and during almost our entire existence, we have had traducers, but, thank God, our Order has lived and will live, strong and unshaken, and our enemies shall not prevail against us. It rejoices us to meet you here, and I am sure I but echo the sentiment of every Brother in whose name I speak, when I express the hope that this reunion will be perpetuated as the years roll on.

Grand Master Hayden, on behalf of the Lodges of Washington Territory, also briefly acknowledged the reception which had been tendered.

Grand Orator J. N. Dolph (Oregon) said: Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and Brethren—Fatigued with a series of festivities, scarcely recovered from sea-sickness, and unexpectedly called upon to take part in the exercises of this occasion, if my work shall not prove good work and square work, I can only claim the indulgence of the Craft. I cannot but feel some embarrassment after the eloquent welcome and appropriate remarks which have preceded, and from the consciousness that what I may say must suffer by comparison with them. I feel assured that the fraternal sentiments which have been expressed by you are fully reciprocated by the Grand Lodge and Brethren of Oregon, and of the other visiting jurisdictions.

It is the boast of Masonry that it is designed for all peoples; that it regards not the distinctions of society, and is not circumscribed by national boundaries. I was forcibly reminded of this claim of our institution as I came into this hall and saw floating from it your national banner. That banner, while it tells of national greatness unsurpassed in ancient or modern times, is not, to me, like the banner of my own country, which floats over the office of the American consul, anegis of protection. And as I call to mind the fact that I stand on British soil, that I cannot address you as fellow citizens, and as I have listened to your fraternal remarks, the associations have called up events of the past. My mind reverts to the origin of my own country, to its settlement by English colonists, to the fact that less than one hundred years ago, the United States of America were colonial provinces of Great Britain; to the causes that led to our separation; our great increase in wealth, population and power, in the little less than the century of our existence as a nation, and to our position to-day among the nations. I would not, by these allusions call up memories that would mar the pleasure of this occasion. I allude simply to the matters of history, calculated rather, at this time, to bind us together in closer friendship—a friendship which the long continued amicable relations of our respective Governments, and the peaceable solution of international questions between them, give promise that it shall be enduring. May the Grand Master of the Universe grant that it may so prove, and may no differences arise between peoples having a common origin, speaking a common language, worshipping the same God, and largely governed by the same unwritten law; but let us rather rejoice in the prosperity of each, and the glory which both may claim in common. As an American citizen, I justly feel

From nearly all the Brethren assembled, and we hail the will long be remembered who compose this strong, and notwithstanding, and our limited powers to provide for attainment; and we exercise that freedom peculiar character of a progressive race;

proud that my country sprang from so great and glorious a country as Great Britain: as subjects of Great Britain, I hope you have just cause to be proud of the greatness and glory of the American Republic. But we come not to you to-day as Americans. If we cannot hail you as fellow citizens, we greet you by a more familiar, more endearing term, "Brethren." We come to you as members of the great brotherhood of the race. The mystic ties that bind us together, and to our great fraternity, wheresoever dispersed, are stronger to unite men, than all the differences of nationality, of religion and party are to drive them asunder.

The time is rapidly approaching when the nations shall be brought into closer relations with each other, when a larger degree of international comity shall exist, and when the differences that necessarily arise between nations, shall in the main be settled by peaceful means, instead of the arbitrament of the sword. I am even sanguine that the time is not far distant, foretold by prophecy, when the "nations shall learn war no more." Many things are contributing to bring about this closer relationship of nations, this more intimate union of the race. The great inventions of science which so nearly annihilate time and space, that the transactions of one part of the world are known in almost every other portion in a few hours; and which enable the citizens of one nation to visit almost any other nation in a few days, or at most weeks; the rapid increase of trade and commerce, creating mutual dependencies and mutual interests; the spread of a common religion embracing so many of the nations of the earth, the diffusion of learning among the masses, and the advance of civilization, are each helping on the world's progress towards the promised millennium.

But not least among the agencies that are at work to bring about this period is Masonry. The world is its empire. Its mission is the race. Wherever civilization extends, there it goes, to lend its influence in favor of law and order, and of equal rights, to teach the great lesson of universal brotherhood. A mighty agency to bind humanity together, and eradicate selfishness from the human heart.

We come to you then, to-day, not as strangers, but as children of a common father, united with you in a great mission. It will not be inappropriate on this occasion to allude to the origin of Masonry in the United States. Like our language and the principles of our common law, we no doubt received the institution of Masonry from the mother country. The authentic history of Masonry in Great Britain dates far back into the Middle Ages, and although the origin of the institution may be traced far back into antiquity, until it is lost in the confusion of tradition and fable, the student of Masonic history turns from the earlier traditions, and loves to linger upon its early authentic history in England.

May the empire of Masonry long hold its peaceful sway, and its sublime principles spread over the entire earth, to hasten on the time when one law shall bind all nations, and that law be the law of universal brotherhood.

The Grand Master then announced that a ball in honor of the reunion would be given in the same hall in the evening. After which the audience was dismissed from labor to refreshment till 8:30 o'clock.

During the interval the steamer Favorite arrived with about forty more Masons, their wives and families, who were warmly welcomed. The passage of the procession through the streets attracted large numbers.

THE BALL.

The ball in honor of the visit of the Masons of Oregon and Washington Territory was largely attended—over four hundred persons being present—and

was undoubtedly one of the most brilliant ever witnessed in the Province. Dancing was maintained with great spirit until an early hour in the morning. The room was tastefully decorated with the flags of all nations; those of America and Great Britain occupying the place of honor. While it was in progress, Bro. M. V. Brown, of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was called upon by Grand Master Hayden, and in his happiest style returned thanks for the courtesies that had been extended by the Brethren of British Columbia to their visiting Brethren of Oregon and Washington Territory.

During the evening, the Brethren of British Columbia assembled in the hall and gave the public grand honors to their Masonic visitors; an hour later the Brethren of Oregon and Washington Territory returned the compliment.

FAREWELL.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia, and the principal Officers of the Order of F. and A. M., with a deputation from each of the Provincial Lodges, assembled at the Masonic Hall, on the 20th August, 1875, at 2:30, p.m., and with Schaffer's band at their head, marched down to see the visiting Brethren off.

P. G. M. Evans, W.T.) expressed the thanks of the Brethren of that jurisdiction for the welcome that had been tendered them, and the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained while in Victoria, and added: "If you will only come over to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, on the fourth Wednesday in September, we will give each and all of you a Masonic welcome, and then we will endeavor to reciprocate the kindness you have done us upon this occasion. Good bye."

R. W. S. G. W. E. Harrison, in a neat speech, returned thanks for the kind manner in which the deputation from Victoria had been treated at Olympia, and said that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia having only lately been established in a new and thinly populated country, had not yet had a full opportunity to develop the principles of Masonry; but he felt confident that a bright future was before them, and they would soon be able to raise a superstructure worthy of the Craft. The Brethren of British Columbia had but one desire, which was to do good, and live in unison with the Brethren throughout the universe. He hoped this would not be the last reunion they would see, and in the meantime he would say good bye, and God be with them.

P. G. M. Chadwick, (Oregon) being called for, spoke as follows: I do not know what to say. Is there not some gentleman here who can make an address to these Brethren? Is there not a lady present who can say something to them? Silence is golden, and you do not want me on this occasion to tarnish it with silver. Brethren, this is a golden moment—one that we realize beyond any expression that I am able to make in endeavoring to return you thanks for the kindness you have done to your Brethren from the opposite coast. When I say to you that some of the Brethren on this steamer, when they have made the round trip, will have travelled over a thousand miles to visit you, and not one of them from Oregon that will have travelled less than five hundred miles, I will be conveying to you some idea, not only of the interest they feel in Masonry, but of the pleasure with which they looked forward to a visit to this Island. Geographical lines are in a sense being wiped out, and the nations of the world are becoming more akin. We could find many instances in proof of this, but there is one, recently witnessed, that will recur to us all. Only a few weeks ago, a little band of American riflemen went across the Atlantic to compete with English, Scotch, and Irish marksmen, and the hospitality that was manifested toward them in Great Britain could only be equalled by the Masonic relation. The existence of such a feeling destroys the animosities that are common to nationalities. We are here a brotherhood, unbroken by geographical limits. No matter where we go, from the extreme north to the extreme south, from the east to the west, it is our pleasure to say, in the name of our Masonic mother—"my Brother." We have manifested on this occa-

sion that we are indeed such a brotherhood—that we have no lines between us to destroy that relation. In leaving you for our homes, we felt that we must do something to repay you for this kindness. I can only say that when once we get you over to Oregon, if we cannot do anything more, we can kill you with kindness. But indeed we can never hope to repay you for what you have done for us. We go home to tell our families how we were treated in British Columbia, and while thanking you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, let me say that we shall ever gratefully remember the reception we have met with at your hands. You will hear from our Grand Lodge, and I trust you will answer us as promptly as we have answered the call of our British cousins in the great Northwest.

Cries for "Nesmith," brought Oregon's ex-Senator and Representative to the side of the vessel, and elicited from the honorable gentleman the following neat remarks: Neighbors and friends, as well as Brethren—Greatly have we been delighted with your hospitality, and the manifestations of your friendship toward us. And why should we not be neighborly and friendly? The animosities of the past have long since been buried out of sight, and I trust in God they will never be revived. A people speaking the language of Shakespeare, Milton, Locke and Bacon, and drawing their inspiration of liberty from the great magna charta in which we claim an equal right with yourselves, should never be divided. I trust that the kindly relations, fraternal and neighborly, which we have witnessed and experienced on this occasion, will be perpetuated. I might go on further, and say that I trust the time is not far distant when trade and commerce between us shall be as free and untrammelled as our present social relationship.

Brother F. G. Richards was then called for to sing the parting song, "Good Bye." The grand honors were rendered and reciprocated, and the band which accompanied the visitors played "God Save the Queen," amidst loud cheers from both visitors and visited.

The boat then moved off, and the Victoria band, in response to the demands of the large crowd of citizens assembled, played "Hail Columbia," and the steamer went on her way, all parties saluting to the last.



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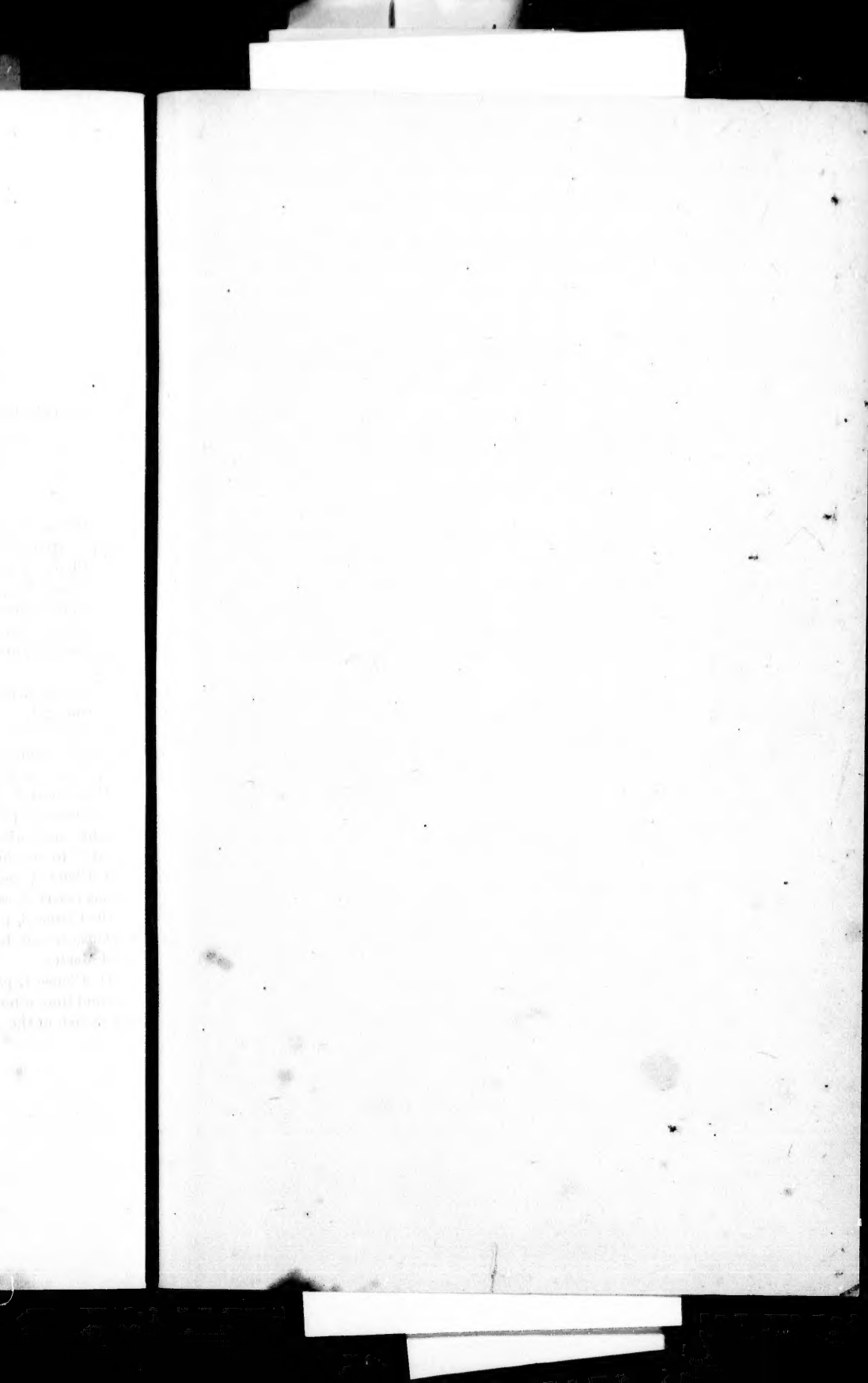
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AMENDMENTS

TO CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE, PASSED AT THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, 6TH DECEMBER, 1873.

1. Clause 2, page 19, the words "or Past Masters entitled to seat in Grand Lodge," expunged, and the words "Masons in good standing," inserted.
2. Clause 3, page 20, first line, the word "other" to be expunged.
3. Clause 18, page 23, to top of page 24, the words "and expelling Members," to be expunged.
4. Clause 3, page 28, second line, "for any other use of the fraternity," to be expunged, and the words "in any way belonging to Grand Lodge," inserted.
5. Clause 3, page 28, last line but one of clause, the word "annually" to be expunged.
6. Clause 2, page 38, that the word "elect," be added after "every Master," in the beginning of clause.
7. Clause 5, page 43, second line, the words "free man," to be expunged, and "free born," inserted.
8. Clause 5, page 43, at end of petition, that the word "not" be inserted in blank, and after "any other Lodge," the words "during the last six months," to be added.
9. Clause 1, page 45, second line, the two "or's" to be expunged, and commas inserted, and "after," in third line, to be altered to "or after."
10. Clause 3, page 46, fourth line, that the word "by" be expunged, and the clause at end to read, "unless conferred under dispensation from the Grand Master."
11. Clause 1, page 46, that the words "or that of his friends," be inserted in second line, after the words, "at his own request," and also in fourth line, after "wish of the deceased."



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